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RE: Case No. GO-2000-394

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Experimental Price Stabilization Fund.)

Case No. GO-2000-394

MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, having consulted with Laclede Gas Company and the Office of the Public Counsel, and moves the Commission to modify the procedural schedule in this case, as set out, and for the reasons stated below.

1. The Commission has set the following procedural schedule in this case:

All parties' rebuttal testimony	September 7, 2001
All parties' surrebuttal testimony	October 12, 2001
List of Issues	October 18, 2001
Position statements	October 25, 2001
Evidentiary Hearing	November 8 – 9, 2001

2. The parties anticipate that discovery in response to direct testimony will not be complete until September 6, 2001. This delay is attributable, at least in part, to the participation of both Laclede and Staff personnel in Laclede's Case No GT-2001-329 (GSIP); Case No. GT-2001-662 (Weatherization); Case No. GW-2001-

398 (Commission's Gas Cost Recovery Task Force); Case No. GR-2001-387 (2000-2001 ACA); and Case No. GR-2001-629 (General Rate Case).

3. The parties respectfully suggest that the Commission amend the procedural schedule as follows:

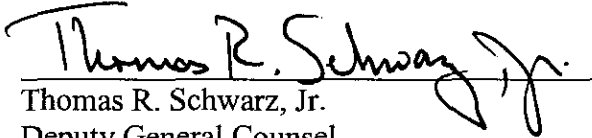
All parties' rebuttal testimony	October 5, 2001
All parties' surrebuttal testimony	November 1, 2001
Issues List	November 7, 2001
Position Statements	November 14, 2001
Evidentiary hearing	November 19 – 21, 2001.

4. The parties suggest that the amended schedule will provide the parties with sufficient time to present a better and more complete record for the Commission in this case, with the minimum of delay that the Commission's hearing schedule will permit.
5. The parties agree to respond to data requests to rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony within ten days.
6. Counsel for Staff has consulted with counsel for Laclede and for Office of the Public Counsel, and both concur with the proposed amended procedural schedule.

WHEREFORE, Staff requests that the Commission amend the procedural schedule as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

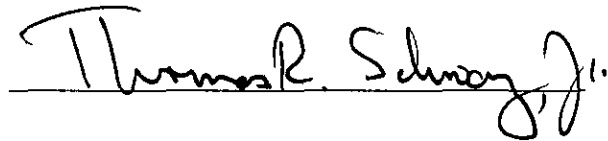
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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 23rd day of August, 2001.



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